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between lines 18 and 19, insert --Detailed Discussion of the Preferred Embodiments--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

Please amend Claims 26, 29 and 32 as follows:

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26. (Amended) An apparatus for acquiring and reading an optical code, said apparatus comprising:

an optical code reader, having an illuminator of said optical code and a reader of said illuminated optical code; and

an indicator of optical code reading status, said indicator including a projector, *said projector projecting* of visible illumination on an area associated with said optical code in response to a result of a reading of said optical code by said optical code reader.

29. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said visible light projector includes a light source emitting at least two chromatic components, and, in response to said result, said projector emitting one of the at least two chromatic components.

32. (Amended) A method of acquiring and reading an optical code, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) acquiring and reading an optical code with an optical code reading apparatus; and
- (b) providing, at said optical code, a visible indication of a result of said acquiring and reading step.